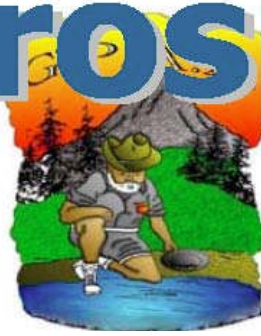


The Prospector



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Nov, 2007

Next Chapter Meeting:

Nov. 18th, 2007
at the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Nov 18th, 2007
Chapter Meeting, Toy
and Canned Food Drive
Plus Election of Officers.

Dec 16th, 2007
Chapter Meeting

Please submit Newsletter
Reports before the 2nd
Friday of each Month.



From the Presidents Desk

Welcome Ernest, Greg & Mary I hope to see you at our next meeting.

We will be electing Board Members at the November meeting. Please bring your GPAA or LDMA membership card. You will need them to vote. Any questions please look at our Bylaws, in your club book, Article Four, Sections 1 and 3. If you don't have a club book please contact me or one of the other board members.

A question was brought to the board: could the Spouse of the GPAA or LDMA card holder vote, YES. I thought that if one person had that question there maybe more so I looked on the GPAA website. The website says: GPAA and LDMA membership is to Both Spouses and their children under the age of 18.

Remember the toy and canned food drive.

At the bottom of page 3 is a note from Eli about the his new "Quarter Drop for a Gold Nugget".

I goofed. I should have handed out copies of our updated Bylaws at the September meeting so we could vote on the changes at the November meeting. I will bring copies to the November meeting so we can vote on the changes at the December meeting. As per Article Thirteen, Amendments of Bylaws this serves as written notice of Intent to Amend the Bylaws. The proposed Amendments are on Page 4.

On page 5 is the Rental Schedule I put together and On page 6 is the Rental Agreement. Please look them over. I will ask you for comments at the meeting!

Stay safe, stay well and we will see you at the next meeting.

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Secretary's Report for meeting dated Oct. 21st, 2007th

Meeting opened 1:27 pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) welcomed attendees & visitors. 47 total, 3 new (**welcome Ernest, Greg & Mary**).

September meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

Bev Parker (Treasurer) read Treasure's Report. Report accepted as read, (see report)

REPORTS

Dave Chiara (Claims Mgr.). Membership Cards are not being handed out for 2007, will issue new ones in January for 2008. Be sure and sign in at each meeting (legibly, please). Books for new members are \$5.00

Preston Griffin (Safety) – Plan your trip (let folks know where you're going), take enough water for several days, food, clothing etc., even fishing line (could save your life in an emergency). Make sure you have a flashlight and charged batteries when you're out and about.

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) – Since GPAA / LDMA under new management (*Tom Massy*) things are a bit disorganized and Ken Rucker is out of town for awhile. Robert asked how many folks are getting the "Pick and Shovel" updates from National (Miners Guide) – many reported sporadic (should be out 3-4 times a year). Robert expects things to settle down soon. For those that have used a GPAA claim site, please send in a report.

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – With winter outdoors now – nothing planned for outings, but putting things together for next year. Looking at a possible Molalla outing and a Jump Off Joe – Wine Camp (Dave Rutan's place near Grant's Pass/Rouge River area – Eli needs to talk with Dave about dates) Still working on getting a date set up for Minor's Meadow in 2008 (during dredging season).

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) – All equipment is now stored at Ken's place (call to make arrangements to use). There are now rental prices established for each piece of equipment (see list). A portion of the rental charge is refundable if you bring back in good condition and clean. The access to the storage/equipment locker had to be suspended with restrictions placed on usage because of the lack of care in returning equipment, un-returned equipment and fuel left in equipment. Equipment usage will be checked out & returned thru Ken or another officer.

Secretary's Report...

Curt Barnes (Website) – Not Present. *The web site is up and running (working very well)*. Our club is making money (\$49.61 so far) with "hits" from the sites that are linked to ours. *Editor's note: please visit site www.PortlandGoldProspectors.org and see for yourself. We would like to see more folks using / commenting / responding in the forum – it's there for your use. Curt has put some "money making ideas" on the website for anyone interested in helping the club finances.*

Newsletter - (Richard Ruth) should be out the Friday before the 3rd Sunday of the month meeting.

Old Business

Richard Ruth – Spaghetti Feed & big Silent Auction at the Milwaukie Grange Hall – Oct. 21st at 5:00pm (after our club meeting) \$10 per person.

Nominating Committee – Meda & Darlene – the club needs volunteers for Vice President, Secretary and for Claims. A number of folks have indicated they'll run for a position. If you are interested please contact Meda or Darlene. Elections are coming up and the club needs your support.

Penny or Jeanne – club hats (baseball type) \$10, mugs \$6, T-shirts \$8, sweat shirts \$12 each, bigger sizes are more. Buckets (5gal @ \$2 and square @ \$1). Remember all profits go to the club. *If anybody wants to bring in buckets for club sale, please bring on meeting day.*

Cook Books – we're still looking for recipes. Please send them in to Jeanne or Richard, as our club will do a cook book later this fall (for sale too).

New Business

Chris & Penny, Ken, Steve Lilly and Dave told about their adventures at the **Emily Camp (Dave Rutan's newest Oregon Gold Trip project)**. *Chris & Penny spent several extra weeks (earlier) to get the camp set up and ready for the first outing. They set up a generator, propane heated shower, a solar panel, high bankers, dredge and got things ready. Penny also told about her meetings with the humming birds and a bat (in the cook cabin). Ken, Steve and Dave added about their experiences at the first outing – all worked too hard, ate too much and had a great time. Found some nice gold, but more importantly, had a real adventure.*

Roseburg Chapter is going to have a gold show in May (16, 17, & 18) 2008 and need support from our club as well. We could have a booth there. This will be held at the Fair Grounds, where there are campsites available, too. We "all agreed" to help.

Secretary's Report...

It was also discussed that the Grange Hall (where we meet) is in need of members to maintain the hall locally, by the local membership (otherwise it reverts to the State organization). So anyone wanting to join the Grange – membership is \$30 + \$3 for “paperwork”. Dues are \$30 per year. Their meetings have a pot luck where meeting members bring dishes for the meeting. If the local cannot maintain a roster of 50 members, they will lose their local control, which means our club will either have to move and/or pay a lot more for a meeting place.

Andy talked about the GPAA outing he went to at Scott's River (Ca. near Happy Camp). Had a great trip and they found some nice gold and the outing produced a nice find (more gold than is normally found).

For those of you who renew your GPAA memberships on an annual basis – please let them know you are a member of this club and we'll get credit for it.

Next meeting scheduled for November 18th 1:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grange Hall.

Raffle – Eli conducted the raffle – lots of good prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm. No Board meeting, because of the spaghetti feed.

GPAA Membership Renewal Credits

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| Buzzard Special | 17.50 |
| 1 Year Mining Guide Renewal | 12.50 |
| 2 Year Mining Guide Renewal | 20.00 |
| 3 Year Mining Guide Renewal | 25.00 |
| Gold Life Membership | 25.00 |
| LDMA Membership | 50.00 |
| Alaska Sign - Ups | 50.00 |


The 2 & 3 yr. Mining Guide renewals credits are adjusted because the member is getting a reduced price.

For Alaska sign-up information, please contact the Alaska Administrator.

These credits are used to buy things from the GPAA Catalog. If you do not have a GPAA Catalog, you can go to <http://www.goldprospectors.org/catalog/index.asp?PageName=Catalog> to see what all they have. If there is anything in the catalog that you would like to have for the raffle Please let one of the board members know .

Richard

**“BUTTIN IN” WITH
Gold Sally's TRIVIA**



**When did James
Marshall claim to find
gold?**

January 19, 1848

At the last meeting Oct. 21 2007 we started something new. We are giving away gold. The quarter drop is where you can win. You now have a chance to win a 4 grain nugget. If you drop a quarter into the jug of water and it lands on the gold pan in the middle, you win your chance to draw a vial. It is a luck of the draw pull. We have two 4 grain nuggets plus many others that are smaller you could also win. It only takes one drop to win. Please come to the meetings and give it a try, see what you could win.

Eli

Proposed Changes to Our Bylaws

ARTICLE FOUR

MEMBERS

SECTION I. MEMBERSHIP. There shall be three categories of members, as follows:

VOTING-CATEGORY Member shall be a member in good standing with the Gold Prospectors Association of America (GPAA) and attending at least three General Meetings or in combination with outings in the past twelve months.

A **SUPPORTING CATEGORY Member** can be any person who is not a member of GPAA and attends at least three General Meetings or in combination with outings in the past twelve months.

A **VISTING CATEGORY Member** can participate but shall not continue to receive regular bulletins or newsletters if not active.

SECTION 3. VOTING RIGHTS.

Each Voting-Category Member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. Proxy voting will not be allowed. However, in the case of elections of Officers or Board Members absentee voting shall be allowed. Supporting-Category Members and Visiting category members do not have the right to vote *in* the elections of officers and board members, but can vote on all other club business.

ARTILE SEVEN

OFFICERS

SECTION 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE.

The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the members and shall serve for **two**-year terms. **President and Secretary in odd numbered years. Vice President and Treasurer in even numbered years. A Director/Officer may resign his/her position at the time of elections as long as continuity of the Board of Directors is maintained. No complete change out of the Board of Directors.** If the election of Officers is not held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as is convenient. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The Office of President shall not be filled by the same person for more than two consecutive **terms**. The selection of officers and member(s) of the Board by the General Membership shall be ratified by the Board without change.

SECTION 9. TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have general custody of all the funds and securities of the Corporation except such as may be required by law to be deposited with any state official. He/She shall see to the deposits of the funds of the Corporation in such bank or banks as the Board of Directors may designate. Regular books of account shall be kept under his/her direction and supervision, and he/she shall render financial statements to the President/Chairperson, Directors, and member at proper times. The Treasurer shall have charge of the preparation of the annual budget and filling of such reports, financial statements, and returns as may be required by law.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on August 22 and end at midnight on August 21st. of the following year.

| Equipment | Rental Price | Clean & Good Working Order Refund |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Dredge | \$ 20.00 | \$ 10.00 |
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| Combo Highbanker Dredge 3" | \$ 20.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Highbanker Blue | \$ 15.00 | \$ 7.50 |
| Highbanker Red | \$ 15.00 | \$ 7.50 |
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| Genie Spiral Wheel | \$ 10.00 | \$ 5.00 |
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| White's Goldmaster | \$ 10.00 | \$ 5.00 |
| Coin Master | \$ 10.00 | \$ 5.00 |
| Fisher M Scope | \$ 10.00 | \$ 5.00 |
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| Sluice 1' x 4' | \$ 5.00 | \$ 2.50 |
| Sluice 1' x 5' | \$ 5.00 | \$ 2.50 |
| Mini Sluice | \$ 5.00 | \$ 2.50 |
| | | |
| Tom & Perry Cleanup Kit | \$ 5.00 | \$ 2.50 |
| Cleanup Tub large | \$ 4.00 | \$ 2.00 |
| Cleanup Tub #1 | \$ 4.00 | \$ 2.00 |
| Cleanup Tub #2 | \$ 4.00 | \$ 2.00 |
| Cleanup Tub #3 | \$ 4.00 | \$ 2.00 |
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| Sifter 4" | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.50 |
| Sifter 8" | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.50 |
| Black Gold Pan | \$ 2.00 | \$ 1.00 |
| Black Gold Pan | \$ 2.00 | \$ 1.00 |
| Black Gold Pan | \$ 2.00 | \$ 1.00 |
| Classifier | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.50 |
| | | |
| Pro Cat Heater | \$ 20.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| White Stag Propane Stove | \$ 20.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| Coleman Camp Stove/Oven | \$ 20.00 | \$ 10.00 |
| | | |
| Nugget Getter | \$ 10.00 | \$ 5.00 |
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Portland Gold Prospectors Equipment Rental Agreement

I _____ agree to return the following equipment Clean and in Good Working order. If I do not I forefoot the refund. If the equipment is damaged I will make any and all needed repairs at my expense.

Name _____ Date _____


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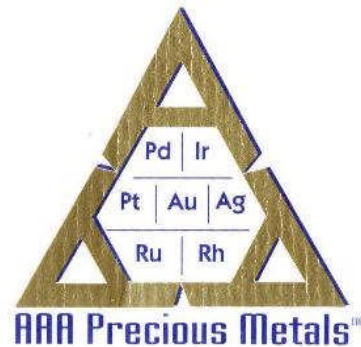
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TWO CLAIMS FOR SALE

Here's the details on the claims for sale...

The Sexton Placer Mine, located at the confluence of Bummer Creek and Jump Off Joe Creek is 60 acres of placer mining opportunity. There is a very nice & large "A" frame cabin and equipment barn on the property. Both creeks provide lots of opportunity to mine the property and water runs year round! Several settling ponds are already built and have water year round. There is extensive gravel reserves on the property! Buying the claims also comes with a First-Right-of-Refusal to purchase another property immediately 71 acres downstream. This is real property (not claims) that extends nearly 3/4 mile down Jump Off Joe Creek! We wish to sell the claims to raise capital to consolidate two camps both used in the area and a long distance apart. Both have been used by Oregon Gold Trips since 1995. There is an extensive quantity of photos of the gold and people who have visited. Asking \$125,000
Dave, 360-263-1695

"Oregon Gold Trips will continue doing business by making improvements to the remaining located at the lake."

Skip & Melodee Heberden, Chris & Penny Parsons

Is offering for sale their Elk Creek Claim.
This is a 20 Acre claim with year round water.
We are asking \$15,000 for the claim please contact
Either party 503-637-6515 Skip, 503-344-6386 Chris